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Sally Ormsby Remembered

Rain Garden Dedication to Celebrate Environmentalist's Legacy

The public is invited to a Garden Party on Saturday, July 20, 2013 at 10 a.m. at the Fred Packard Center located at 4022 Hummer Road in Annandale, Va., to dedicate a rain garden inspired by the memory of community activist and renowned environmentalist Sally Ormsby. The garden design and installation was made possible by a generous contribution from the Sally B. Ormsby Memorial Fund, the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District and the Fairfax County Park Authority, in partnership with Merrifield Garden Center, and with assistance from the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust and Earth Sangha.

A rain garden is a shallow, constructed depression that is planted with deep-rooted native plants and grasses. It is located to receive runoff from hard surfaces such as a roof, a sidewalk and a driveway. Rain gardens slow down the rush of water from these hard surfaces, holds the water for a short period of time, and allows it to naturally infiltrate into the ground.

A rain garden can be thought of as a personal water quality system because it filters the runoff from your roof and lawn and recharges the groundwater.

The ceremony will take place outdoors next to the garden. For more information or to rsvp to this free event, email conservationdistrict@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-324-1433.

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If accommodations and/or alternative formats are needed, please call (703) 324-8563, at least 10 working days in advance of the registration deadline or event. TTY (703) 803-3354.